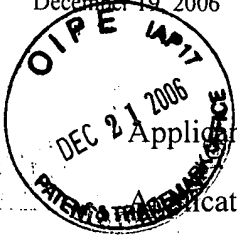


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Sir:

Transmitted herewith is a Reply for filing in the above-identified application.

- Small entity status of this application under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27 has been established by a Small Entity Statement previously submitted.
- A Small Entity Statement to establish small entity status under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed.

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TOTAL	54	MINUS	* 54	0
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SMALL ENTITY

	RATE	ADDIT. FEE
X	\$ 25	\$
X	\$100	\$
+	\$180	\$

TOTAL = \$ _____

OTHER THAN SMALL ENTITY

	RATE	ADDIT. FEE
X	50	\$
X	\$200	\$
+	\$360	\$

TOTAL = \$ _____ 0

* not fewer than 20
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SMALL ENTITY

Rate	Total Amount Owed
X \$125	\$

OTHER THAN SMALL ENTITY

Rate	Total Amount Owed
X \$250	\$

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- Applicant hereby petitions to extend the time to respond to the Office Action dated August 23, 2006 for one month from November 23, 2006 to December 23, 2006. The appropriate fee is set forth below.

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